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FURTHER REMARKS

As may apply to the present specification to include drawings and claims, the adverse final actions are respectfully traversed.

Regarding the drawings objection set forth in the outstanding action, FIG. 1 sets forth from the original filing the subsystems at issue, which are to be read in light of the full paragraph on page 5 of the specification. Nonetheless, FIG. 1 is amended; FIGS. 7 and 8 are added; and that paragraph is correspondingly amended. FIG. 1 replaces one rendition of the numeral, "10," with the numerals, "15/10," and includes detail-identifying circles 7C and 8C. FIGS. 7 and 8 are simply blown up versions of material set forth in original FIG. 1, now within the newly added circles 7C and 8C, with heavy lead lines and other distracting numerals or features removed, and numerals 15/10, 15T, 17T and 17H with lead lines provided, to better illustrate the detail, which is concisely described in the amended full paragraph for page 5. Thus, the two subsystems are clearly distinguished.

Regarding the objection to the written description, the figure description for FIG. 6 is amended to refer to FIG. 1.

Regarding the objection to claim 22, that claim is offered for amendment along the lines kindly suggested by the Examiner.

Regarding the rejections of claims 22-24 under 35 USC 102(b) over Karrer, US 6238153 B1, present claim 22 would require both subsystems, with the water exit subsystem requiring tubing that can be employed to direct water outside a vehicle cargo bed area on a wall of which the rail can be mounted, which had been set forth in former claim 23. No such tubing is described by Karrer. Thus, present claim 22 distinguishes over the art. By virtue of their dependence on claim 22, claims 23 and 24 also distinguish.

Please, therefore, withdraw the objections and rejections.

The Examiner is correct to have allowed claims 1, 3, 4 and 8-21, and not made any other rejection with the remaining art cited in the outstanding action, or of previous record.

Thus, the application is in condition for allowance. Yet, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned to discuss the case or to seek authorization for an Examiner's amendment.

Respectfully,

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